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**ROBERTS' PRAISES CANADIANS.**

Messages Following News of Severe Losses in Last Sunday's Fighting.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Lord Minto has received the following message from Lord Roberts:

"Paardeberg, Orange Free State, Feb. 22.—The Canadian regiment has done admirable service since its arrival in South Africa.

"I deeply regret the heavy loss it suffered during the fighting on the 18th inst., and beg you to assure the people how much we all here admire the conspicuous gallantry displayed by our Canadian comrades on that occasion."

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## AT BAY IN RIVER BED

### Cronje's Army Hiding in The Modder Under Incessant Artillery Fire While British Head Off Attempts At Reinforcements.

### Must Surrender or Fight to a Finish Kitchener's Response to Request for Armistice—Canadians Engaged in a Charge on the Boer Laager.

Paardeberg Drift, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 20.—Gen. Cronje's magnificent night march from Magersfontein now appears to end in disaster. The main body of the Boers is enclosed in a terrible death trap. The enemy are hiding in the bed of the Modder, commanded by the British artillery and enclosed on the east and west by the British infantry.

Sunday witnessed a gallant stand on the part of the retreating foe. Tired and harassed, they still maintained a bold front.

It is somewhat difficult to explain the Sunday action in which all the British force was engaged and in which Gen. Cronje, under difficult conditions, managed to hold his own. On Saturday night the British mounted infantry came into touch with Cronje's rear guard, driving them back upon the main body. On Sunday morning the action was renewed, but the Boers, who had entrenched the river bed during the night, prevented a further advance of the mounted infantry in this direction.

Meanwhile the Highland Brigade, consisting of the Seaforth's, the Black Watch and the Argyles, advanced from the south bank, and the Essex, Welsh and Yorkshires formed a long line on the left, which rested on the river, the extreme right being the Welsh. The whole line was ordered to envelope the Boers, who lined both banks of the river.

The firing soon became heavy. The Boers, holding a splendid position, covered the left of the Highland Brigade, which advanced partly up the river bed and partly in the open, while the rest of the brigade with the other regiments swung round the front of the Highland Brigade on the level, coverless ground, exposed to a terrible fire, which obliged the men to lie upon the ground, as they did for the remainder of the day.

This began at 7.30 in the morning. Through the dreadful heat and terrible thunderstorm our men hung to the position, answering the fire and shooting steadily.

In the meantime the rest of the infantry completed the enveloping movement, the Welsh Regiment having succeeded in seizing the Drift, thus closing in the Boers, who fought throughout with splendid courage.

Gen. Cronje's laager, full of carts, ammunition and stores, could be plainly seen near the north bank.

Gen. Smith Derrein collected a large body of men, including the Canadians, and crossed the river by Paardeberg Drift, advancing toward the laager, which was being vigorously shelled. This force made a gallant attempt to charge into the laager, but failed.

Before seizing the western drifts the Boers occupied a kopje on the south bank, running down the river. Therefore the force is cut in two. The Boers hold the kopje and have one Vicker-Maxim and probably one or two other guns.

Towards evening the battery on the south side opened, co-operating with the battery on the north side. A wonderful sight followed. The shells fell with amazing precision along the river bed, opposite the laager, which was shelled thoroughly, damaging everything it contained. One shell set on fire a small ammunition wagon, which burned nearly all day. Many other wagons were set on fire, and the great glare was visible at a considerable distance far into the night.

The infantry also maintained a terrible fire, which was answered vigorously. The scene toward nightfall was terribly picturesque, with the blazing wagons, the roaring artillery and the crackling rifle fire.

**AN ARMISTICE REFUSED.**

Capetown, Thursday Morning, Feb. 22.—In reply to Gen. Cronje's request for an armistice of twenty-four hours to allow him to bury his dead, Lord Kitchener told the Boer commander that he must fight to a finish or surrender unconditionally.

Gen. Cronje's position is reported hopeless.

London, Feb. 23.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: Gen. Cronje's request for an armistice was a mere dodge to gain time to make trenches. Lord Kitchener refused, but gave him half an hour to consider whether he would surrender or fight to

a finish. The Boers having said that their intention had been misunderstood and that they would fight to the bitter end, battle was resumed.

#### THOUGHT OF SURRENDER.

London, Feb. 3.—The Daily News has the following despatch from Modder River, dated Wednesday afternoon, February 21: "The Boer forces under Gen. Cronje are estimated at 8,000 men. At 12 o'clock he asked an armistice of twelve hours, which was refused. Later he sent a messenger to say that he would surrender."

"The British General sent a reply telling him to come into camp. Cronje refused, saying there had been a misunderstanding, and that he would fight to the bitter death."

"The bombardment was then reopened, and our Lydite shells reached the Boer wagons. We continued shelling the laager through the night, and in the morning resumed with Maxims and rifles, principally from the north side."

#### A NECESSARY SACRIFICE.

"On Sunday there was much waste of life in attacking, and the same result will be achieved without it. The Canadians made a gallant charge of bravery at the laager, but were driven back with loss. Gen. Macdonald and Gen. Knox are slightly wounded."

#### DESPATCH-BEARERS TAKEN.

"During Monday night seven Boers made an attempt to break through our lines, but they were captured and their leader was killed. Four were carrying letters. It is believed that one more got through."

"Other prisoners say that Gen. Cronje marched from Magersfontein here without outspanning a distance of 33 miles. Had he succeeded in escaping it would have been one of the finest performances in the annals of warfare."

#### CLOSING THE TRAP.

The Times has the following from Paardeberg, dated February 21: "We have expelled 500 Boers from an isolated kopje about a mile southeast of Gen. Cronje's laager."

#### ROBERTS' PLAN OUTLINED.

London, Feb. 22.—The war office has received from Lord Roberts the following message, which was delayed in transmission, dated Paardeberg, Wednesday, 21st:

"Yesterday afternoon I was satisfied by a careful reconnaissance in force of the enemy's position that I could not assault it without heavy loss, which I was most anxious to avoid."

"Accordingly I decided to bombard him with artillery and turn my attention to the enemy's reinforcements."

"The result was most satisfactory. The Boers were driven off in all directions, losing a good many killed and wounded and 50 prisoners, who say they arrived from Ladysmith two days ago by railroad. They also say it was our artillery fire which caused them to abandon the kopjes they were occupying."

"Our loss was two officers, Capt. Campbell of the 90th Lancers, and Lieut. Houston of the artillery, and four men, all slightly wounded."

#### RISK IN DELAY.

London, Feb. 23.—The Times said editorially: "The fact that the Boers started to reinforce Gen. Cronje from Natal some days ago, is an additional reason why Lord Roberts should finish with him as promptly as possible. Small bodies of Boers, such as have already been broken up, are not formidable, but a large body

with guns and supplies, would call for serious treatment, in which no doubt Gen. French would find congenial work."

"Lord Roberts at present has the advantage of being nearer his bases than the Boers are to theirs, but that advantage will be reduced in proportion to his eastward progress, and it is important that bodies of the enemy should not hover on his right flank."

#### SURRENDER THE PROSPECT.

London, Feb. 23.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the situation in the Morning Post says: "Lord Roberts, who was once an artillery officer, will take care that the artillery fire is properly concentrated."

"The best chance for Gen. Cronje would be to make a night attack, but the bayonet will serve the British at night as well as day. There are of course, in war, all sorts of chances. A party of Boers from the north or south might conceivably fall by surprise on some point of the investing ring, and thus gain a chance to escape for the Boers, but the probabilities is that Gen. Cronje will be compelled to surrender and that thus at Paardeberg will be effected by the destruction of the first fraction of the Boer army."

#### A FIRE-EATING GENERAL.

Demands Address of French Senator Who Presumed to Question His Attitude.

Paris, Feb. 21.—There was a lively scene at to-day's session of the senate, sitting as a high court, in the trial of Deputy Marcel-Habert, charged with inciting soldiers to insubordination at the time of the funeral of President Faure. During the testimony Gen. Jacquye, who colonized M. Marcel-Habert's frank character and answered for him as a good republican, Senator Lecomte interrupted and asked if it was not true that Gen. Jacquye had uttered threats against the court-martial judges. "The president of the senate, M. Fallieres, refused to put the question, and Senator Lecomte, amid violent protests from the Rightists, insisted upon the question being put, declaring it would enable them to decide the value of Gen. Jacquye's evidence."

Gen. Jacquye wished to speak, but the president refused to permit him to do so, whereupon, turning to Senator Lecomte, Gen. Jacquye exclaimed: "I will attend to you, nevertheless."

Senator Lecomte appealed to the president, saying: "The witness is threatening me."

The president told Gen. Jacquye to withdraw. As the General did so he turned to Deputy Provost DeLaunay and said significantly: "Give me M. Lecomte's address." The outcome is expected to be a duel.

#### THE SYNDICATE SWINDLER.

Victims Attempt to Secure Something For Wreck Through Declaration of Bankruptcy.

New York, Feb. 21.—Wm. F. Miller, of Franklin Syndicate fame, appeared to-day before Augustus J. Kohler, referee in bankruptcy, on a writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge Thomas on the application of certain creditors who wish to have him declared bankrupt. He was not allowed to testify, as some of the creditors objected and claimed that ten days' notice of such proceedings was necessary. The extension, therefore, was adjourned to February 24. Several creditors attempted to call Miller in spite of these objections, but the referee interrupted and checked them.

#### CABLES TO BOERDOM.

New York, Feb. 22.—The Commercial Cable Co. to-day issued the following notice: "We are advised that private telegrams in plain language to and from the Orange Free State and the South African Republic are admitted over the lines from Lorenzo Marques to Pretoria under the eyes of the censor at Pretoria."



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## Thanks From Strathcona

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## Graceful Acknowledgment of the Resolution Passed at Citizens' Meeting.

On the evening of January 17 last in the Victoria theatre, on the occasion of the patriotic meeting called to endorse the action of the legislature in offering to send a mounted contingent for service in South Africa, a resolution was passed expressing the satisfaction of the meeting at the action of Lord Strathcona in equipping at his own expense a company of four hundred mounted men. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to Lord Strathcona in London, and yesterday his Worship Mayor Hayward received from that nobleman a warm letter of thanks for the same.

The resolution which was moved by Lt. Col. Prior, M.P., and seconded by Mr. C. H. Lugin, was as follows:

"Resolved, that the citizens of Victoria have learned with unbounded satisfaction of the munificent offer of Lord Strathcona to equip and convey to South Africa at his own expense a corps of four hundred mounted men, and hereby place on record their recognition of his noble patriotism, the crowning act of his princely generosity, reflecting honor upon every one of his fellow Canadians. That we express our great pleasure that British Columbia is to be allowed to testify her loyalty by contributing her sons to this corps. That this resolution be communicated to Lord Strathcona."

Lord Strathcona in his acknowledgment of the receipt of the resolution, refers to the "generous personal references to myself." Both the mover and seconder of the resolution in their speeches supporting it on the occasion alluded to, made pleasing references to Lord Strathcona's practical patriotism; and it is these remarks no doubt to which his lordship particularly refers in his letter to Mayor Hayward, copies of the Colonist containing a report of the meeting having been forwarded to him.

Col. Prior told of how through his unbounded faith in Canada, Lord Strathcona had worked his way from an unemployed man to a millionaire, and one of the greatest philanthropists. His offer, he thought, was the most munificent one which had been made by a private citizen since the outbreak of the war, and it had been left for a Canadian to make it.

Mr. Lugin referred to the offer of Lord Strathcona as the noblest in the history of the country and an act in accord with the true spirit of the baronage. In former times, he pointed out, the barons sent out their troops because forced to do so, but Lord Strathcona had made his offer of his own free will.

The letter to Mayor Hayward, which bears Lord Strathcona's signature, is as follows:

17 Victoria Street, London, S.W.  
7th February, 1900.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the resolution which the citizens of Victoria have been good enough to pass, in reference to the little force which is being organized in Canada on my behalf for service in South Africa.

I appreciate very much the kindness of the citizens of Victoria in the matter, and their generous personal references to myself, and I beg to offer through you my grateful acknowledgments.

The action of the people of Canada in the unfortunate crisis that has befallen our country, has attracted the admiration of their fellow-subjects in Great Britain, and I am sanguine that the presence of the Canadian contingents in South Africa will do more than anything else that has happened in recent years to cement the friendship between the different parts of the Empire.

Yours very truly,  
STRATHCONA.

His Worship the Mayor of Victoria, B.C., Canada.

## AN INTERNATIONAL FAVORITE.

The N. Y. Tribune says:—

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Days Defeated.—The James Bays, of this city, were defeated in the basketball match at Seattle yesterday against the Y. M. C. A. of that city, by a score of 17 to 13. The game was a hard one, with many fouls. The home team had the advantage, as the game was played under the American rules. A return match will be played here next month.

Those unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and sleeplessness, and who are unable to get any rest, should use Carter's Little Nerve Pills, which are made expressly for sleepless, nervous, dyspeptic persons. Price 25 cents.

## LOCAL NEWS.

**Comforts for Soldiers.**—The Soldiers' Comforts Association receive contributions at the market hall in care of the Market Superintendent and at the homes of any of the members of the association. It is desirable that all should be in the hall March 15, at which date it is proposed they shall be forwarded. A complete list will be published.

**Police Court Proceedings.**—Before Magistrate Hall yesterday Wing Chung Long, charged with an infraction of the sanitary by-law, was remanded for one week, in order to afford the accused an opportunity to put his premises in a sanitary condition. A blue-jacket from the Leander, was charged with drunkenness and fined \$2.50.

**Resolution of Sympathy.**—The regular convention of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, was held last evening, at which a resolution was unanimously passed extending to the bereaved families of those brave Canadian heroes who fell at Mankler River, sincere sympathy in the affliction they have sustained in the loss of those so near and dear.

**ON EVERY BOTTLE.** Of Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure is this guarantee: "All we ask of you is to use two-thirds of the contents of this bottle faithfully, then if you can say you are not benefited return the bottle to your Druggist and he will refund the price paid." Price 25 cts. 50 cts. and \$1. All druggists.

**Coming Attraction.**—Blanche Walshe and Melbourne MacDowell will be seen at the Victoria on March 2 and 3 in Sardou's "Cleopatra" and "La Tosca." The plays will be mounted in a style unexceptionally magnificent. The company is very strong and it goes without saying that the stage pictures and embellishments, down to the smallest detail, will be as complete as possible. Mr. MacDowell will be seen in his original characters. Miss Walshe will appear in the characterization of the lady of the titles. Of the plays nothing more can be said but that they are the best efforts that the great French playwright, Victorien Sardou, has given to the public.

**Big Musical Show.**—Perhaps one of the best displays of the strength of a musical show is its street parade, and yet the big street parade given by Richards & Pringle's famous Georgia Minstrels, fails to give even an adequate idea of this company's numerical strength, nor the magnitude of its stage performances, which in point of excellence and genuine merit remains unrivalled. Every detail has been looked after; an orchestra of thirty pieces furnishes the best of music for the stage performance; rich and costly costumes are used; and the most effective advantage; calcium effects and stage properties and one solid carload of special scenery, representing three tons, is carried for the stage presentation. Fifty people are included in its roster, a score of its specialties act, the most complete of tumbling and acrobatic Arabs, a host of comedians, singers, dancers, trick bicyclists, wire walkers, and a spectacular finale, brimming with good wholesome fun. This big attraction will appear at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday evening, next.

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## MARINE NOTES.

**Bark Wrestler Had a Rough Time Off the Columbia River.**

Messrs. E. B. Marvin & Co. have received a letter from Santa Cruz which says the sealing schooner Victoria had 20 skins and the Triumph 145 skins. The letter was dated February 18.

The sealing schooner Walter L. Rich, which has been here for repairs, will be ready to go to sea again on Monday.

Since the Islander began her daylight trips she has not been carrying freight, it has been turned over to the steamer Yosemite, which will arrive here on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The barkentine Wrestler from Lagniqui, Peru, arrived yesterday morning and was taken to the chemical works wharf last night by the tug Vancouver. Captain Nelson of the Wrestler says that she had a very rough passage. They lost their topmast, fore-topmast and fore-topmast gallant mast in a gale off the Columbia river. She also lost several sails in the same storm. She was 57 days making the trip. After discharging her cargo of nitre she will go to Chemainus to load lumber for Melbourne, Australia.

The steamer Queen will probably be late in leaving this evening owing to the trouble with the longshoremen at Vancouver. The crew of the steamer have had to handle all the freight.

The Cottage City is due to call here Sunday on her way north.

## DOES THIS STRIKE YOU.

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## SALT SPRING ISLAND.

One of the most successful concerts of the season was given by Mr. A. L. Wilson in the public hall, Salt Spring Island, on the 14th inst. There was a fine programme of songs, music, plays, recitations, etc., also a few graphophone selections. The concert began by the chairman (Mr. F. J. Blunt), who called on Mr. Ashworth to play an opening march, which was well rendered. The programme was carried out in a very pleasing manner. The main parts were a boxing contest by Kelly brothers; a play, "The Ship Gallant," by Messrs M. and R. Blunt; also a dialogue, "The Black School Master," played by Messrs. Wilson brothers, W. Stevens, H. Woods and W. Norton, which was very comical. After refreshments were served dancing was indulged in until an early hour, when all left for their homes. The manager wishes to thank those who assisted in the concert. Mention must be made of Mr. Burdette, who kindly loaned the piano. The amount collected, which was about \$27, will be used to buy chairs for the hall.

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### THE WAR.

It will be with a feeling of profound satisfaction that Canadians will read Lord Roberts' telegram complimenting the Royal Canadians upon their "conspicuous gallantry." We all knew our boys would sustain the honor of Canada on any field, but it is none the less gratifying to know that it has been recognized by the Commander-in-Chief of our forces in South Africa.

The story of the fight will be found in this morning's despatches.

The situation in South Africa is very much improved. It is evident from the story told in the despatches that a great many blanks must be filled before we have a connected tale. Lord Roberts tells that he bombarded the enemy's position and drove them off in all directions. It is not quite clear if this refers to Cronje's main force or only to the relieving column which came from the investment of Ladysmith. The disposal of the enemy's force is highly satisfactory, for there will be great difficulty in concentrating them. The loss of morale will be even more disastrous than the loss of life and munitions of war. An army such as that of the Boers, once dispersed can hardly be got together again.

The rapidity and brilliancy of Roberts' movement makes Buller's movements appear somewhat slow, but he is doing excellent and very substantial work. He is steadily advancing to Ladysmith, and is capturing much of the enemy's supplies, including ammunition. In a few days the Ladysmith garrison will be in a position to co-operate with him, and we must wait until after this has been done before we make up our minds as to how formidable a factor Gen. Joubert's force will be after he reaches the Transvaal. The statement that Joubert is almost broken down over the prospect may very well be true.

Word comes from Stormberg that the rebels there are prepared to lay down their arms and surrender. This is gratifying. It will enable Gen. Gatacre to despatch some of his command north by rail into the Free State.

We may expect daily to hear of the relief of Ladysmith, the capture of Bloemfontein and of the beginning of our advance on Pretoria. News will eagerly be looked for from Mafeking, where Baden-Powell and his plucky garrison are doing such noble work.

### REDISTRIBUTION.

The Colonist endeavors to discuss all questions from the broad provincial standpoint, but in the present article it wishes to express what it believes to be the view of the great majority of the residents of Vancouver Island on the question of redistribution. Briefly, it is that while it is quite reasonable to increase the representation of the Interior, no good ground can be shown why the membership from the Island should be cut down. If the measure brought down by the government did not aim to disturb the representation of the Island, we do not believe there is a man in this section of the province who would ask for any change in it, except that Lillooet should be allowed to continue as at present. Representation by population is a fact with some people, but it is not the only principle to be taken into account in the apportionment of members of the legislature. In the early days of the province representations were given to constituencies with little more than a nominal electorate, the idea being that the diversified interests of the province should have some one to speak for them in the house. This rule may be very well observed now. Something is also due to long established conditions. Both Lillooet and Esquimalt have had two representatives ever since Confederation. The people have grown accustomed to such an arrangement, which might very well be allowed to continue. There was a demand in some parts of the province for additional representation, but none for the reduction of membership from any existing constituencies. Vancouver Island had 12 out of 23 members in the first parliament, and in the fourth parliament 12 out of 25. In the fifth parliament 13 out of 27 members were elected by the Island; in the sixth parliament 15 out of 33; in the seventh parliament 14 out of 34 and in the present parliament 14 out of 38. It seems unfair to put the Island back where it was in point of representation numerically in 1872. In 1872 although the Island had barely a majority of the whole representation, it had very much the greater part of the wealth, business and population of the province. Give Kootenay the membership asked for and thus bring the house up to 41, leaving the Island with 14, and even then the liberality of the Mainland to the Is-

land will not be nearly as great as was the liberality of the Island to the Mainland, in the days when the preponderance of wealth, population, business and influence was with us.

### SCANDALOUS CONDITIONS.

A rather extraordinary incident occurred in the house yesterday. The opposition were able to force the government to permit the business of the country to go on. The result was that several important bills were given a first reading, among them Mr. Prentice's bill to repeal the eight-hour law. The orders of the day were then taken up and several bills were put through committee. This was a very distinct gain in a business point of view. But the most notable thing in this connection was the action of the government in permitting a number of resolutions, two of them being votes of want of confidence to stand on the order paper. There is a resolution by Mr. Higgins censuring and condemning the government for its failure to bring down certain papers, and a direct vote of want of confidence by Mr. Turner based on the omission of the government to cancel the voters' lists of Vancouver and Nanaimo simultaneously with the cancellation of the Victoria and New Westminster lists. Early in the session the government insisted that the invariable practice of this legislature and other legislatures should be followed and votes of want of confidence should take precedence of all other business. This salutary rule has been departed from, and the house is sitting day after day with resolutions of want of confidence hanging over the heads of the government, resolutions which the government does not dare to allow to be brought to vote. No other government in the British Empire would tolerate such a state of things. No other government would be content to meet the house day after day afraid to challenge a vote of censure. We do not know, however, that much else is to be expected from a government which can only carry its measures by the vote of a gentleman, whose right to sit in the house is in dispute, and who is being sued day after day for a penalty for illegally sitting and voting. We think it will be admitted that no parallel can be discovered for such a state of things, and we submit that it is time and more than time that something was done to put an end to conditions which can only be described as scandalous in the extreme.

### THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

In Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania eight hours constitute a day's work, but perfect liberty of contract is allowed and a man may contract to work overtime or as many hours as he thinks proper. The workmen of the Southern colonies would not tolerate legislation, which would deprive them of liberty to contract their labor for as many hours each day as may suit their own wishes. Perhaps it may be well to make a few observations concerning the condition of miners in Australia, for some needed light may thereby be cast upon a question, which excites a great deal of interest in this province. First it may be mentioned that a miner in the metalliferous mines of British Columbia is not only paid very much higher wages than his Australian brother, but he is provided with accommodations which are given to few workmen anywhere else in the world. The mine owners in this province provide board, lodging and many valuable conveniences for their employees. At some of the mines there are bath rooms, reading rooms and other modern appliances. There is also a bunk-house for the men to sleep in, provided by the mine owners and heated by them. For board, which is of a good class, for lodging, which is comfortable, and for the other conveniences mentioned the charge of \$1 per day is made. Such accommodation could not be got anywhere else in the province for so small a charge. In Australia wages vary from \$12.50 a week in the older mines to \$15 a week in isolated districts. Board is not provided by mine owners, neither is lodging, neither are any of the conveniences above mentioned. The employer pays his men their wages, and the employees have to shift for themselves in all these matters. Perhaps from the public point of view the Australian system is better than ours, because it leads to the building up of little towns around every mine, but if the question of pay and convenience to the miners is taken into account, those in this province are very much better off. The lower wage paid in Australia and the fact that the owners are at no expense in connection with the feeding, housing and recreation of their employees, makes it possible to profitably work mines in that country at a profit, when the ore does not run higher than \$5 per ton, which, as we all know, is impossible in this province at the present time.

We believe the general disposition has been to treat this eight-hour question gingerly. The workmen of British Columbia are not children to be fooled with sugar-coated phrases. We repeat what we have said on two occasions, namely, that the workmen are quite as well able to form opinions on public questions and are as amenable to reason as any one else. Labor questions, so-called, are the product, very largely, of timidity, of a fear of the part of public men to grapple with them fearlessly and vigorously, trusting to the reasonableness

ness of their views and the good sense of the people at large. It is in this manner that the eight-hour question should be approached, and when it is taken hold of in this way, the difficulties, which now alarm so many people, will disappear as mist before the sun.

In this connection reference may be made to what transpired in the house yesterday. Mr. Higgins had again to direct attention to the fact that important portions of the correspondence relating to the eight-hour law had not been brought down according to the order of the house. With some difficulty he extracted a promise from the government that the missing documents would be furnished, and of course the customary explanation was made that the government did not desire to suppress anything. The extraordinary feature of the case is that the papers brought down are of no particular value, while those withheld contain matters of much importance. It is worth mentioning in this connection that the memorial, which Mr. Higgins was compelled to ask for and the government would not promise to produce without pressure, is referred to in the last letter brought down in the original return. This letter is one from Mr. Smith Curtis, of Rossland, and in it he endeavors to persuade the Minister of Mines that the statements made in the memorial are not to be accepted at their face value. It is an extraordinary thing that the Minister of Mines should bring down a letter referring to a previous communication and not the communication referred to. We print in the proceedings of the house this morning the memorial in question, also a very interesting resolution moved by Mr. J. Roderick Robertson at the meeting of the associated boards of trade at which the memorial in question was referred to. Mr. Smith Curtis' letter is notable in another particular. He says the matter was not much discussed, whereas the report of the proceedings says that the discussion was lengthy.

It is announced that Mr. Phillips-Wolfe has written a poem, which will be offered for sale for the benefit of the Patriotic Fund. Doubtless it will find many purchasers.

Our special despatch from Sandon does not disclose a very encouraging condition of things there. It is a wicked thing for any government to allow present conditions to continue while they scheme and intrigue to hold office.

The alteration, which took place when the house was in committee yesterday, between Mr. Eberts and Mr. Neill was very much to be regretted, and left the last named gentleman in a very unpleasant position. This ought to be a lesson to the member for Alberni, who is quite too free with his sarcasms. He has hitherto got away in a coach and four on such occasions, and he will doubtless be much more careful hereafter.

The house yesterday passed in committee a bill to allow municipalities to make use of the Imperial automatic voting machine. The bill will be recommended again to permit of some needed changes being made in the Municipalities Act; but it will probably become law. The disposition of the house is very strongly in favor of the introduction of voting machines. This system has been tried in Winnipeg and in many parts of the United States. It is undoubtedly a very great improvement on any other system of voting, and we believe will ultimately be adopted for provincial and federal elections.

### Letters to The Editor

#### COLONIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Sir: In connection with the desire which is shown by the present movement to have Vancouver Island opened up to settlement by the construction and extension of the island railway to its northern end, it will doubtless please many of your readers to see the following important petition and to note the influential signatures, many of them large taxpayers, which are attached to it. The government, by discharging a duty which is incumbent on them, by carrying out the prayer of the petition, and it will be taken as showing they are in earnest towards developing that valuable portion of the province, by their having completed the colonization road between Coal Harbor and Hardy Bay, and the construction of a wharf at the latter port for the accommodation of about 150 people at present settled around the northern end of the island, who have repeatedly asked some of the subscribers to the petition to use their influence with the government to provide ingress and egress, by erecting a wharf and other conveniences at Hardy Bay. This would enable settlers to have frequent communication with the coast by trade, they being at present entirely dependent on one steamer a month on the West Coast, and that even being uncertain in the winter season to make connection with the shore.

#### PROGRESS.

To the Honorable the Executive Council of British Columbia.

The petition of the undersigned, land owners and others, near Hardy Bay, and other localities in the northern end of Vancouver Island, having in view the opening up by settlement of that portion of the island, humbly sheweth:

That to accommodate and facilitate the expected settlement in those portions of Vancouver Island which are referred to, and which are contiguous or tributary to Hardy Bay, your petitioners represent that to induce and encourage the settlement of that portion of the island and make the same possible, it becomes necessary to complete the road, already partly built, from Coal Harbor (on a branch of the Quatsino sound) to Hardy Bay, and to construct a wharf at Hardy Bay harbor, where steamers can at all times call on passing north or south without much loss of time.

And inasmuch as Hardy Bay is, in the opinion of the most skillful and experienced navigators on the coast of British Columbia, the best and most convenient port of call for steamers going either north or south, and which, along with the colonization road referred to, and the shipping facilities afforded by the wharf requested



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And whereas the government of British Columbia have expended large sums in surveying the northern portion of Vancouver Island, for which they have had no returns, your petitioners humbly represent that by your executive granting our petition and spending a comparatively small sum in completing the required road and wharf, settlers will be able to obtain their supplies conveniently, and receive their mails at least once a week in summer and winter. Thus the government would recoup the sums already expended by the influx of contented settlers, and a large addition to the population of the province.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated 10th February, 1900.

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### ATLIN HOSPITAL.

Sir: Will you permit me through your columns to plead the cause of the sick and injured in Atlin? Scurvy and frost, reinforcing the ordinary ills of human kind, have given me a large clientele. The varied family and commercial interests of our citizens in that northern camp assure me a sympathetic jury. My plea therefore can hardly be in vain.

The Rev. John Pringle, so well known to everyone who has been over the Teslin trail, or in the Atlin district, has written me as follows: "You know, or you may not know, that we have now a hospital in Atlin, as bright, warm and substantial a building as can be erected out of local material. It is 24x36 feet, with 10-foot walls, and is a credit to our town. The boys here, but it is as to labor, but we have the lumber and the outfit to provide it. It is just about the latter I write you. We want about a dozen pairs of blankets, not more than 10 pounds in weight, gray in color, though any color will do. Anywhere in the line of blankets, bed linen, towels, sheets for single cots, pillows, etc., will help us. I have no church yet, but the hospital was absolutely necessary, and a healthy minister can preach the Gospel anywhere, but a man with scurvy or foot amputation cannot be cared for in a store or on the street corner."

My plea is accordingly that of another. In his name I present it to your readers, only adding that I shall be glad to receive contributions of any of the above mentioned articles and attend to their shipment. If it is more convenient for any person to contribute in money I shall be pleased to receive it. The list of requirements as far as possible. Very generous reductions from ordinary prices have already been offered by our local merchants on any goods that may be bought for this purpose.

I am, sir, yours very truly,

W. LESLIE CLAY.

55 Bird Cage Walk, Victoria, B.C.

### CHILLIWACK RAILWAY.

Sir: I have read your editorial on the proposed Chilliwack railway by-law, and the hostile attitude in which it is placed before the ratepayers should be sufficient cause for its rejection.

The city is asked to subscribe stock in a company which has for its main object the purchasing of the Victoria & Sidney railway, no doubt a good thing for the proprietor of the road. I am sure we would all feel glad if some one would buy the V. & S. railway and relieve the city of the small sum of \$9,000 per annum, which we have now to pay.

But to take stock in a company to the large amount of \$200,000 would be much after the old saying of "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

If we want a railway, let us be united, and work for the extension of rail to the northern end of Vancouver Island, then all will be benefited.

#### TAXPAYER.

### THE RAILWAY BY-LAWS.

Sir: I have read with pleasure the explanations of Premier Rowett why the Victoria Chilliwack railway trustees should not deposit a sum with the city treasurer to cover the expense of submitting the by-law to be voted on by the ratepayers on the 28th inst. I have failed to see any logic in the views expressed by Mr. Rowett.

A precedent was established by Mayor Redfern in this respect, which his successor in office would have done well to have followed. In the first place, why should this city be put to the expense of submitting the by-law to the ratepayers for their consideration? Of course if the majority of the ratepayers sanction the by-law it is proper that the expense should be borne by the city. What is to prevent any person or company from requesting the council to submit a by-law so ridiculous on the face

of it that it would not receive the support of a dozen ratepayers? The promoters of the Victoria-Chilliwack scheme are in a similar position to a person asking for the passage of a private bill in the legislature. Why are these promoters who are floating a million and a half dollar scheme afraid to risk \$250 for the expense of submitting a by-law? It looks very much like as if they had little faith in its success. It is very singular that the promoters have not called meetings to enlighten the public as to the by-law to be voted on. Why this silence? Are they afraid of public discussion on the matter, or do they propose to allow it to go quietly along and on voting day rally their forces and thereby endeavor to secure a majority of votes cast? Enlightened citizens on these points would be gratefully received.

A. HUTCHINSON.

### POLITICAL CREEDS.

Sir: I fear you must be beginning to dread seeing the signature at the end of this letter, but my excuse for again troubling you is that some of the late political sayings and doings have put me into such a fog that I am beginning to doubt my own political identity. I have always supposed myself to be a Conservative, or if I may dare to say so, a Tory, but when I am told that the Conservative party here at their late meeting endorsed the alien and enemy bill, and that the opposite party now in power proposed to repeal the former; when again I see Mr. Macdonald of Manitoba, whom I have supposed to be a Conservative, reported as promising to adopt the spoils system because his political opponents had introduced and passed it. In other words, adopting the "one old maxim," "As Dick has picked Tom's pocket, I am justified in eating Harry's"; when I see all this irreconcilable mixture of political creeds, names and morals, I am driven to think that things must have some how changed places, and to apply to your superior intelligence for explanation and advice as to what political creed I should adopt as a refuge. For instance, what is your opinion of anything but socialism flavored with a tinge of vote-buying?

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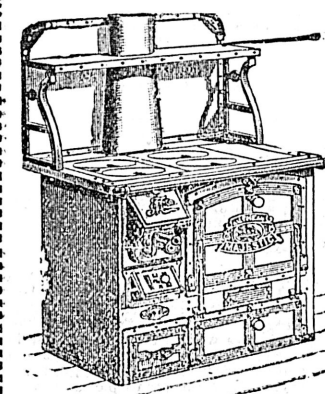
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Summons Dismissed.—In Supreme court chambers yesterday Mr. Justice Walkem dismissed the summons of the defendant in Lang vs. Macdonell, to strike out portions of the statement of claim as embarrassing. Mrs. Lang, the widow of Dr. Lang, one of the victims of the Point Ellice bridge disaster, who got judgment against the city, is suing her solicitor, Mr. D. G. Macdonell, for an account of money received and the return of alleged overcharge. Mr. S. P. Mills appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. E. V. Bodwell, Q.C., for the defendant.

Missionary Meeting.—The annual missionary meeting of St. Columba Presbyterian Church Sunday School will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the school room, Oak Bay avenue. The programme will consist of special hymns, readings, and recitations by the scholars. There will be addresses by Rev. A. B. Winchester, B.A., and Rev. Mr. Fraser, the pastor. A free-will offering will be taken in aid of those stricken by famine in South Africa.

If Buller can cross the Tugot And capture the slippery Boer, He'll find that his name Will be equal to Jesse Moore. That of the old "Jesse Moore."

Still Another.—Should the legislature continue to sit for many days, the total amount in damages claimed by Hon. Dr. McKechnie for sitting without being qualified, will reach immense proportions, in fact each day adds \$500 to the amount. There are now three actions against him, the first for \$33,000 for sitting 67 days and receiving money from the province for travelling expenses, the second for \$500 for sitting on Tuesday and the third, entered yesterday for \$500 for sitting on Wednesday.

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The New Constables.—In response to an advertisement in the Colonist calling for applications for the positions of the four additional constables which are to increase the police force, about twenty aspirants have come forward. The list will be closed on Saturday next, and the appointments probably made at a meeting of the board of police commissioners on Monday next.

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Very Annoying.—One of the most vexatious things in modern times is to read as it were a story in our daily papers and then find at the end of the same a patent medicine ad. Of course the thing is not just what we like, but as there is near at hand a pleasant remedy which comes to all who buy their newspapers, books and stationery at the Victoria News Co.'s store, 86 Yates street, R. T. Williams manager, the annoyance after all is not so very great.



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Hunt Club.—The Victoria Hunt Club will meet at Colwood at 4:30 on Saturday.

No Tournament.—Out of respect to the memory of the Victorians killed in South Africa, the regular whist tournament at the J. B. A. A. club house was not held last evening.

In times of peace; in times of war; The favorite drink is Jesse Moore.

MacGregor Block.—Tenders are being called by Mr. A. C. Ewart, architect, for the two-story brick and stone building to be erected at the corner of Broad and View streets for ex-Alderman P. C. MacGregor. Tenders must be in by February 28.

Donation Acknowledged.—Mayor Hayward has received from the Lord Mayor of London an acknowledgment of the £20 12s. 4d. subscribed to the Transvaal War Fund for widows, orphans, wounded soldiers, etc., by the residents of Salt Spring Island.

Tribe to Re-Open.—The Tribby Music Hall which has been closed for several months will be re-opened on Tuesday evening next, by Mr. J. A. Johnson, the former proprietor and for a time manager of the Savoy. One of the big attractions for the opening will be Adje and her cage of trained lions.

To Rush Work.—Mr. M. J. Heney, contractor for the extension of the White Pass and Yukon railway spent yesterday in the city with President Graves and other officials of the company and left this morning for the north via the White Pass. With instructions to rush the work as quickly as possible. Before many months trains will be running from Skagway to White Pass Rapids, thus covering the most difficult part of the trip to Dawson.

A Daring Climb.—Considerable excitement was caused yesterday afternoon around the Dominion hotel when William Deasy of the fire department went up the flag pole to put in a new halyard. The old halyard had rotted and broken and Mr. Jones did not want to be without the means of raising his flag when Lady Smith is relieved. The pole is quite slender and is about 60 feet tall.

Your sideboard at home is incomplete if it is not stocked with Jesse Moore "A.A." whiskey.

Not Correct.—The fact that Dr. O. M. Jones of this city purchased four lots on Georgia street in Vancouver gave rise to the report in the Terminal city that he was about to establish a hospital for the special treatment of eye and ear. This Dr. Jones denies. He purchased the lots, which are on a corner near the Hotel Vancouver, from Mr. C. F. Todd of this city.

Assigned to Victoria.—Capt. R. J. McDonald, son of Senator MacDonald of this city, who has met with marked success as an officer of the Royal Garrison Artillery, since he graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada, has been assigned to duty at Work Point barracks, this city. Capt. McDonald is the author of a "History of the Dress of the Royal Artillery." Lieut. Beers, also of No. 19 company, Work Point is a Kingston graduate.

Williams' Label Case.—This morning Magistrate Hall in the police court will resume hearing of the case of George Sheldon Williams, charged by the crown with defamatory libel of the Lieutenant-Governor. C. Wentworth Sarel, editor of the Kamloops Standard, arrived last evening from Kamloops, where he has been to obtain through an order of the court the original manuscript, the publication of which constitutes the alleged libel. On the resumption of the case the examination of Mr. Sarel will be continued by Deputy Attorney-General McLean.

Want a Road.—Mr. J. M. Williams, a mining operator of the Slokan country, is here to urge on the government the necessity of building a wagon road from Slokan City via Lemmon Creek to the First North Fork. The road would be eleven miles in length and would cost \$15,000, but the residents of the district believe that the expenditure is justified by the large number of properties that it would give access to and ensure the development of The Chapeau Consolidated Gold Mining Company, the Warner-Mills Syndicate. Mr. Williams and many others have properties which they would develop if the road was built.

Victorian in Action.—In a letter to a friend in Vancouver Pte. Whitty, stepson of ex-Chief Sheppard, a native of Victoria, who joined the first Canadian contingent at Vancouver says: "You have perhaps heard of the fight out at Samaside the other day. The Toronto boys weren't the only ones in the affair, two Vancouver boys at least were there. Sid Harrison was No. 1, on one of the Maxim's, and I am running one of the transport wagons that went out with the column. We chased those Boers out of that hill in fine style. We crept right up to the foot of the hill under cover and then fixed bayonets and charged. They did not wait for us. Those that could get away went; we got forty-one prisoners, nearly all Cape Colony Dutch, who will probably be shot."

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## Exposed In The House

Member for Alberni Pilloried for Callous Words Worthy of a Craven.

Ministers Challenged for Explanation of Panic Haste to Gerrymander

Refusal to Enfranchise Military Citizens—The Suppression of Correspondence.

Once again yesterday the fact that the Semlin-Cotton administration is unable to control the house was made patent by the Premier having to withdraw his resolution to have the redistribution bill take precedence of all else. Mr. Prentice took a leading part in the criticism of the ministers, opposing this pressing forward of the gerrymander at the expense of other public and private business, and declaring his own bill to repeal the eight-hour law of infinitely more importance to the country than this redistribution.

When the bill did come on, it remained for Mr. Kellie to indicate that it was precedent to a general election, but he did so in such a manner that the government might still have a chance to retreat if it should discover any unexpected means to escape defeat in the house. He had admitted that the government was hanging by a thread, and intimated that this was a pertinent reason for passing this measure and going to the people.

"Is that a declaration?" was asked from the opposition side. "It's a declaration for myself," he replied. "As soon as this bill is passed I'll go to my constituents."

The redistribution bill during the late afternoon and the evening session was debated by Messrs. Semlin, Turner, Kellie and McPhillips. It was in an incident arising during the debate in committee on Mr. McPhillips' voting machine bill, however, that the chief interest in the day's proceedings is found. Mr. Neill had found an opportunity to indulge in one of his favorite ill-tempered sarcasms, and made the mistake of selecting Mr. Elbert as the target for his shaft. That gentleman promptly and forcibly resented the insult, but found it in common with the petty pessimism for which the member for Alberni had made himself conspicuous in the house. It was on a par with his reception of the news that ninety of Canada's brave soldiers had fallen while fighting for the flag.

When told in the lobby the news that brought mourning to so many Canadian homes, the member for Alberni had no word of sympathy or regret. He simply contented himself with the cruel comment that "WILL DO ANYTHING FOR THE HEAVY PATRIOTISM OF THESE CANADIANS."

It is understood that Mr. Neill's explanation is that the callous remark was made in the course of private conversation, and therefore he thinks should not have been given public notice. The house having been duly opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Campbell, petitions were presented as follows:

By Mr. J. M. Martin—From residents of Phoenix, asking for the incorporation of that town.

By Mr. Tisdall—From certain printers of Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo, asking that certain documents in the Supreme court, which are now typewritten, be printed.

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In a report from the private bills committee, the preamble of the bill to amend and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act was reported proved, and the bill was presented to the house.

PROGRAMME CHANGED.

Hon. Mr. Semlin moved that the house proceed to the Orders of the Day, taking up bill No. 54, to provide for a redistribution of the electoral divisions of the province.

This resolution was opposed by the leader of the opposition, who pointed to the fact that Thursday was devoted by the rules to public bills in the hands of private members. He saw no urgent reason why the rules and practice of the house should be departed from.

Mr. Prentice also opposed the proposal of the government, pointing to the fact that he had on the order paper a public bill that was of more importance to the country than even redistribution—its object being the repeal of the eight-hour law.

Mr. McPhillips held that in the absence of a declaration by the government that a general election is at hand, it was nonsense for the house to shelve all other pending business in order to take up this measure of redistribution, especially as in the ordinary course the present parliament had still two years to live, and a redistribution bill enacted now—no matter how fair and equitable under existing conditions—would in the natural course of events be inapplicable two years hence. Under these circumstances, and in view of no intimation being given by the Premier that an election was to be brought on, he proposed to invoke all the rules of the house to have public business proceeded with in its natural order. Of course, if the Premier would make a statement to the house of the position of affairs, it might make the case quite different.

Mr. Booth also insisted upon the house proceeding with the business before it according to the rules, unless an explanation was made by the government sufficient to justify the departure now

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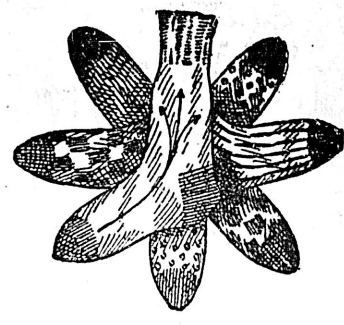
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### Exposed In The House

(Continued from Fifth Page.)

Hon. Mr. Semlin moved that the "house proceed to the Orders of the Day."

"What is the meaning of the motion?" asked a member of the opposition. Mr. Speaker interpreted it as meaning that if carried, public bills in the hands of private members will be taken up, ignoring the evidence and other resolutions standing before the orders for these bills on the motion paper.

The motion carried.

A SERIOUS ACCUSATION.

Mr. Higgins, as a matter of privilege, once more directed attention to the withholding of yet other communications by the government from the return demanded by the house in the matter of the working out of the eight-hour law. He did not care to bring this matter up so often, it was not a matter that concerned himself but a matter of vital importance to the country. This was the eighth occasion on which he had had to refer to the fact that the house had not been properly treated by the government in this matter. Although the house had by resolution asked for all correspondence in connection with this important subject, it was only being obtained, bit by bit, after the most strenuous urging. He was constantly receiving telegrams and letters having reference to communications passing in the matter of which no mention was made in the correspondence brought down to the house. Even now there still remained a deficiency, and a very important deficiency in the return—the extract from the proceedings of the first annual convention of the associated boards of trade of Kootenay on this subject had been left out of the return altogether. It seemed to be like drawing teeth to get from the government the information that had been ordered weeks ago by the house. He had at first said that he did not think the communications had been missed intentionally, but in view of the many instances since presented of communications not included in the return, what was anyone to think? The house was now confronted by the fact that the communications demanded by the unanimous vote of the house had been deliberately suppressed.

Mr. Higgins repeated, "suppressed." He used the word advisedly. To show how important was the subject of the information was bearing on the subject of the working out of the eight-hour law, he read from the report of the convention of the associated boards of trade of Kootenay, to which he had made reference:

THE EIGHT HOUR LAW.

J. Roderick Robertson, seconded by E. J. Walsh, moved the adoption of the following resolution: Resolved, that this convention of associated boards of trade of Eastern British Columbia, held in Rossland, 2nd August, 1899, respectfully petition the government and executive council of British Columbia to take action on the proposed legislation in connection with the operation of clause 4 of bill No. 80, being "An Act to Amend the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act," until such time as those operating the mines in Kootenay and Yale may be in a position to place before the executive council and legislature the hardship imposed upon such operators by the enforcement of the above measure, passed at the last session of the legislature, and the associated boards of trade respectfully beg to set forth, among others, the following reasons for said petition: Realizing that the measure in question was introduced with the view of ameliorating the condition of the miners in British Columbia, we believe that such amelioration can be better achieved by specific instructions given to the mining inspectors; we are of the opinion that the details of hours of labor, etc., in the mines of Kootenay and Yale could best be arranged by direct negotiations between the miners and mine owners and their representatives; whilst we are heartily in sympathy with any legislation which will provide protection for miners and women working in mines, we are of opinion that miners and their representatives are fully able through the ordinary methods of business to take care of all matters relating to hours of work, wages, etc.; that the legislation in question was passed under a misapprehension that restriction of hours of labor would not interfere or hamper the operations in the mines; that the law demands an increase in the rate of wages paid; this convention respectfully requests that the government and executive council appoint a commission to meet the representatives of the mine owners and their representatives, and that the commission be instructed to ascertain the views of the mining industry on this and kindred matters; that this convention repudiates the statements appearing in certain portions of the press that the mine owners of Kootenay are opposed to the proposed legislation; and respectfully requests from the executive council an opportunity to lay before the government the views of the mine operators of Kootenay.

Mr. Robertson also offered the following resolution: Resolved, that where the workings may be very deep, wet or otherwise of a nature calculated to be injurious to health, the period of labor for one shift should not exceed eight hours.

A lengthy discussion followed, every delegate present (except those from Greenwood) who were instructed to take no part in a discussion of the question) expressed his views.

Mayne Daly, seconded by J. A. Harvey, moved: That the matters referred to in Mr. Robertson's resolutions and the resolutions themselves be referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Fraser, Daly and Robertson, with instructions to prepare a memorial and forward it to the provincial government.

The motion prevailed. Messrs. Robertson and Walsh alone voting against it.

On motion of Duncan Ross, seconded by J. A. Harvey, a vote of thanks was tendered to President Fraser for his services, and to the Rossland board of trade for their hospitality.

The convention then adjourned.

MEMORIAL TO MINISTER OF MINES.

Memorial of the associated boards of trade of Eastern British Columbia to the Hon. the Minister of Mines of the province of British Columbia on the subject of the eight-hour law, as prepared by the special committee appointed for that purpose:

Rossland, B.C., August 5th, 1899.

To the Honorable J. F. Hume, Minister of Mines, Victoria, B.C.

Sir: The memorial of the associated boards of trade of Eastern British Columbia, in convention assembled, sheweth as follows:

1. That this association is composed of delegates duly accredited from each of the boards of trade formed in the districts of East and West Kootenay and portions of the district of Yale, representing the mining industry of Eastern British Columbia.

2. That it was with regret that your memorialists learned of the enactment of clause 4 of bill No. 80, being "An Act to Amend the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act," by which section 13 of chapter 134, R.S.B.C., is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

13. No person shall be employed underground in any metalliferous mine for more than eight hours in every twenty-four hours.

And your memorialists respectfully request that you will not enforce the above provisions nor cause the same to be enforced. Our reasons for making this request are, among others, as follows:

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### SANDON RELIEF BILL.

The bill for the relief of the city of Sandon (Mr. Green) was next considered in committee, and reported complete with minor amendments, the house then going into committee on bill No. 40, to amend the Municipal Elections Act (Mr. McBride), the object of which is to make permissible the use of a certain voting machine in municipal elections. Considerable debate arose upon the details of the measure in committee, of which Mr. Macpherson was chairman.

Mr. Neill sarcastically inquired if this wonderful machine would prevent dead men voting. He recalled how this had been such in vogue in England on the occasion of the last provincial election, the member for South Victoria for one being directly interested in the success of the strategy.

Mr. Eberts at once challenged the truth of the imputation cast on him by the member for Alberni. It was, however, on a par with the general language and conduct of the cynic member from Alberni, who never missed an opportunity of showing his hate for the law. He recalled one example very fresh in mind, how—meeting Mr. Neill in the lobby on Wednesday when the news of the loss on those ninety Canadians on the battlefield, came to hand—he had spoken of it to the member for Alberni, who only said: "It will do away with the HEADY PATRIOTISM OF THESE CANADIANS."

There was a storm of indignant hisses from the crowded galleries attesting the feeling of the people toward anyone who would so insult Canadian soldiers within the very precincts of a Canadian parliament. Nor was the expression of popular indignation checked by the chairman of committee.

Mr. McBride had risen. He observed that this matter had nothing to do with the motion. He had not heard all that the member for South Victoria had had to say in his rambling remarks, but he was confident that his statements were incorrect in any event.

"That too is like his cowardly style," said Mr. Eberts. "If he says, when he says that I had anything to do with voting 'deadmen' at Euclet or anywhere else he lies."

Hon. Mr. Henderson endeavored to point out the troubled waters. He admitted that a gentleman might be pardoned for using strong language when he believed himself charged as Mr. Eberts had understood the matter; but he was of opinion that the member for South Victoria was mistaken in the ground taken. When the matter had been made clear he felt confident that the member for South Victoria would be prompt to withdraw his most unparliamentary expression, and make amends honorable.

In the meantime the member for South Victoria would keep his coat on and keep it buttoned.

"I should like to know," said Mr. Helmecken, "do dead men vote?"

"I understand that they have done so," answered the Attorney-General—"in certain cases." (Laughter.)

Mr. McBride supported the interpretation of the member for Alberni, as the only interpretation possible.

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# THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,  
Victoria, Feb. 22—8 p.m.  
SYNOPSIS.

An area of high pressure of considerable energy covers the Pacific Slope and extends east of the Rockies to Assiniboia, while the low area has moved to the eastern section of Manitoba. The weather has been fair and mild. Light rain has fallen on the coast and snow is falling at Salt Lake City.

TEMPERATURES.	Min.	Max.
Victoria	44	50
New Westminster	40	44
Kamloops	34	48
Barkerville	26	36
Calgary	18	22
Winnipeg	16	30
Portland, Ore.	44	54
San Francisco	52	64

**FORECASTS.**  
For 24 hours from 5 p.m. (Pacific time), Friday:  
Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh westerly winds; partly fair, with occasional showers.  
Lower Mainland—Moderate winds; mostly fair, with occasional rain.

**VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.**  
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, Feb. 22.	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	46	Mean.....49
Noon	48	Highest.....50
5 p.m.	49	Lowest.....49
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:		
5 a.m.	10 miles west.	
Noon	14 miles west.	
5 p.m.	12 miles west.	
Average state of weather—Fair.		
Rain—0.5 inch.		
Sunshine—3 hours 24 minutes.		
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.378		
Corrected.....30.382		

**NEW WESTMINSTER.**  
Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....30.42

## PASSENGERS.

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Mr. Becker.	Rev. Tucker.
Mrs. M. Smith.	Miss Tucker.
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A. Ashbury.	Mr. Curran.
A. C. McIntosh.	Mrs. Curran.
W. H. Frost.	W. H. Lucas.
A. Williams.	A. Lucas.
Sapt. Stevens.	W. H. Field.
Mrs. C. Smith.	G. S. McFadyish.
P. E. Young.	
By steamer Victorian from the South:	
S. H. Graves.	B. W. Spencer.
E. O. Hawkins.	S. J. Latimer.
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## THE PRICE OF EMPIRE.

In Memoriam of Royal Canadians Killed at Modder River February 18, 1900.

To-night our hearts beat sad for those who stand  
In deepest grief; those loved ones lie afar  
Beneath the wind that rough Southern land,  
Where passed in fury war's death-dealing car.

No more! No more to native land! No more!  
Shall these turn back again with wistful eye;  
The price of Empire they have paid full score,  
And taught us clearly—what it means to die.

Crash forth a requiem—sonorous—deep!  
O'er domed cathedral stir the brazen bell!  
From muffled drums force dirge-like notes to leap  
In loving memory of those who fell.

Deep shot the steel-clad dogs of bloody war,  
That they may join the swelling symphony  
Of Honor! that must sweep from shore to shore  
Of this great land, in kindred sympathy.

Think ever on their deeds with moistened eye;  
E'en yesterday we sent them proudly forth;  
Honor to those who now in honor lie,  
Where rolls the tide of Empire to the North.

Fond yearned the earth in that far distant clime,  
For clay, far prouder than their graves up flung,  
Thy fame shall echo down the aisles of Time,  
Great heart! in that great land from whence you sprang.

There lies your answer; Oh, Immortal Bard;  
Who called on "that true North," and  
"Is this the tone of Empire?" Battle-scarred!  
Our legions now annal the debt we owe.  
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# In Memory of The Fallen.

Colonist's Suggestion To Erect a Monument Meets With Popular Favor.

Arrangements For the Drum-Head Service at the Drill Hall on Sunday Next.

The suggestion made by the Colonist yesterday morning that it would be appropriate for Victorians to consider the advisability of erecting a monument in Beacon Hill park or some other suitable place to the memories of the brave Victoria boys who have fallen at the front, has met with general approval. This idea will be dealt with at a special meeting of the members of the patriotic committee at the mayor's room, city hall, at 11 o'clock this morning. The extension of relief to those relatives of the killed and wounded who may be in need of the same will also be taken up, and arrangements made for the participation by city officials in the drum-head service to be held in the Drill hall on Sunday afternoon. In regard to the location of the proposed monument in memory of Victoria's heroic dead, some difference of opinion exists, though all agree that the monument should be erected. It is thought by some that a suitable location for the memorial column would be on the lawn in front of the parliament buildings.

The drum-head memorial service which will be held in the Drill hall on Sunday afternoon, in accordance with orders issued by Lieut.-Col. Gregory, in command of the Fifth Regiment, will attract an immense assemblage. The members of the J. R. A. A. will attend in a body, through special permission of the local military authorities, and the city will probably be officially represented by the attendance of His Worship Mayor Hayward and the board of aldermen.

Some curiosity has been manifested among the citizens in regard to the character of a drum-head memorial. To the Colonist yesterday Col. Gregory explained that the services under ordinary circumstances were very formal and purely private; but some latitude will be granted on the occasion on Sunday. The regiment will be drawn up in the form of a hollow square, with drums piled in the centre. Here, using the drums as a desk, the chaplain of the corps, Rev. C. Ensor Sharpe, will officiate at the service, making the formal announcement to the men of the loss of their comrades, and reading the prayers for the burial of the dead. It may be arranged for representatives of the local clergy to be present and offer appropriate remarks. The Fifth Regiment band will be in attendance and render a special musical programme, included in which will be a new hymn written since the war began, to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers." The members of the James Bay Athletic Association will attend in a body to do honor to the memory of the late William Scott, and will be drawn up in line outside the hollow square formed by the battalion.

The order of the service will be as follows:  
War Hymn—"Oft in Danger, Oft in Woe."  
Prayers by the chaplain from the service for the burial of the dead.  
Second hymn—"A new selection, written since the war began, to the tune of 'Onward Christian Soldiers.'"  
Benediction.  
National Anthem.  
Bandmaster Finn has arranged to have printed and distributed, at the expense of the association, a collection of hymns which will be sung throughout the congregation, so that all present may take part.

Much gratification was felt at the reception of the telegram yesterday containing Lord Roberts' appreciation, expressed to the Ottawa government, of the gallantry displayed by the members of the Canadian contingent who were engaged at Modder River on Sunday. The telegram was sent to the command-in-chief, Lord Roberts, and the grief felt on all sides at the losses sustained. The Colonist unintentionally cast a reflection on the Western Union Telegraph yesterday by stating that the C. P. R. had beaten its competitors in getting the news of the losses in the Western Union to Victoria first. The Western Union is not handling war dispatches to Victoria, and has made no attempt to get special news.

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## GAZETTE NOTICES.

Several Appointments as Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public.

The following appointments were given notice in the provincial Gazette issued yesterday:

To be Justice of the Peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, West-ster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay.  
Sam'l. M. Fraser, of Dalton Trail, M.D., N. W. M. P.  
Chas. G. Lange, of Fernie.  
Arnold P. Langlais, of New Denver, and Christ. B. Langlais, of Vernon, to be notaries public for the province.

Notice is given of the incorporation of the following companies: Vancouver Great-ite Co., of Vancouver; capital \$25,000. Princess Royal Canning Co., of Vancouver; capital \$25,000. Texada Kirk Lake Gold Mines, of Vancouver Island and adjacent islands; capital \$300,000. New West Hill Mining Co., of Victoria; capital \$50,000. The Golden River Quesselle, Ltd., of England, capital \$350,000, head office at Vancouver, Jos. Hunter attorney, and the Albert Copper Co., of Portland, Ore., local office Victoria, capital \$100,000. Hayes attorney, have been registered as extra-provincial companies.

Geo. W. Pows, tobaccoist, of Vancouver, and Manges & Hughes, of Cranbrook and Moyle, have resigned.

Frank L. Merriam, mining operator, has been appointed attorney for the Erie Mountain Consolidated Mining Co., in place of E. S. Mabee.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Upper Columbia Navigation & Transportation Co. will be held at Golden on March 5 at 2 p.m. for the election of directors and general business.

Wm. Colston and Jas. Baker, coal and wood dealers of Victoria, and J. S. McLeod and J. Cootie, dry goods merchants of Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

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# Buller Views Ladysmith

After Boer Rout From Monte Christo British Slept in the Enemy's Tents.

Views Besieged Town From the Hilltops While Ladysmith Sees Relief Column.

By Associated Press.

Chieveley Camp, Feb. 21.—The steady progress of the relief column is uninterrupted. The Boers on Tuesday were forced from their last position south of the Tugela, resulting in the evacuation of Colenso, which was promptly re-occupied by the Dublin Fusiliers and Thorneycroft's Horse. A Transvaal flag was captured and also a handkerchief inscribed with Gen. Botha's name. This is treasured as a great trophy. The Boers had the railroad running from Colenso to Bulwana.

The British continue to discover large quantities of ammunition. The Boers are well supplied with food, and a quantity of provisions was left behind. It is expected farther resistance will be half-hearted, and Ladysmith will be reached in a few days.

London, Feb. 22.—Buller reports that the casualties on Monday, February 19, were: Killed—Capt. Thorburn, of the Royal Fusiliers. Wounded—Two officers and 14 men. The Morning Post's second edition publishes a despatch from Ladysmith, dated February 19, which says that bombardment continues with unusual persistence and activity from Bulwana and Blaauwbank, but is doing small damage. The garrison is in good spirits over Roberts' success and the advance of Gen. Buller, which is now visible.

A special from Paardeburg, dated 21st, says Commandant Botha, from Ladysmith, has been attempting to relieve Cronje. There has been severe fighting. Gen. Botha's force is scattered, with heavy losses.

New York, Feb. 22.—Winston Churchill cables from Chieveley to the world as follows:  
"Our losses in the field for Hussar Hill were about 50. All the fighting was conducted at long rifle range. At last, for the first time during these operations, we had found the Boer flank, and placed a strong force at right angles to his main position. The fruits of this were plucked on the 18th (Sunday), when Gen. Hildyard began a vigorous attack across the neck on Monte Cristo. The guns and the other brigades assisted. The Boers now commenced a rear march, which degenerated rapidly into flight. The long line of abandoned trenches, two miles long, were captured with loss to the assaulting brigade of three men. The Boers then fled across the Tugela river at great speed in disorder, but bravely covered their retreat. The British losses were comparatively small, chiefly in Gen. Hildyard's brigade, which gallantly stormed the key of the position."

"The Boer flank has been completely turned, strong defensive positions have been captured, and valuable positions for future advance secured. The Boers have been put to flight for the first time in Natal since Elandslaagte. British soldiers slept last night in Boer tents on the top of the captured hills, from which they can see right into Ladysmith. All ranks are encouraged, and now perhaps, with God's help, we shall succeed."

## TRAIN DERAILED.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Feb. 21.—The west-bound passenger train on the Wisconsin Central, due here at 1:30 p.m., was derailed three miles west of Curtis. The entire train, excepting the engine, was derailed. One passenger was seriously hurt and 15 others were painfully bruised.

## SPANISH TOWN BURNED.

Valladolid, Spain, Feb. 21.—About 320 houses of the town of Ataque have been destroyed by a conflagration which, as this dispatch is filed, threatens to wipe out the place.

## SEEKING A PROTECTOR.

Chinaman Unfolds to University Gathering Scheme to Stand Off the Grasping Europeans.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Wu Jing Fank, the principal guest of honor attending the dedication exercises of the University of Pennsylvania to-day, discussed the Eastern question in part as follows: "Though it is not more than 125 years ago when Washington founded this young republic, she has through the logical course of recent events acquired territory far beyond this continent and become practically a neighbor of China. It gives me the greatest pleasure to say that the relations between the two countries are most friendly and cordial, and I venture to express with confidence the hope that the fact of the United States acquiring the Philippines will have the effect of cementing them yet more closely."

One of the first requisites towards maintaining proper relations with the Orientals is to understand their ideas, and to judge them not by your standard but by theirs. This is as much applicable to commercial and social intercourse as to diplomatic and international affairs. Constant intercourse between the East and the West of necessity requires a common medium of communication. The story of Babel has a moral to it. It was the confusion of tongues that scattered the people of the earth to the four winds. Reverse the process and you will bring the nations of the world together." Mr. Wu favored an international language to be used when peoples of different tongues have dealings with each other.

"The question now arises," he continued, "whether it is an appropriate time for this country to extend the Monroe doctrine to Asia. The Philippine islands are situated in the outskirts of your government, the natural logic is that it should be applied to that part of the world where this country has possessions. This policy is by no means a selfish one, but is founded on justice and self-protection, and it is persistently carried out it will tend greatly to the preservation of peace wherever it is enforced."

"I am far from making light of the services of the army and navy of this country, whose bravery recently excited the admiration of the world, and whose deeds have won undying fame, but the dictum of Mencius, one of our ancient sages, is still true: 'A king can conquer the world by brute force, but he cannot keep it without justice and righteousness.'"

## PRESIDENT ON MEDIATION.

Never Any Thought of Intruding Sug- gestion Not Welcome to Both Parties.

Washington, Feb. 21.—In view of the persistent circulation of the rumor that the government of the United States had reached an agreement with the German government through its representative here, Baron Von Holleben, to intervene between the combatants in South Africa, the Associated Press has secured from the highest authority a statement of the present position of the government in this matter. This is to the effect that there has been absolutely no agreement reached between Secretary Hay and Baron Von Holleben on the subject, nor has there been any discussion of the propriety of joint mediation between the British and the Boers, nor has the United States given, undertaken or contemplated any intervention on its own account.

There has been no time, before now since the outbreak of the present war, that the President would not with the greatest readiness have exercised his good offices in favor of peace if that could have been accomplished without being regarded as an unwarrantable breach of international law and the proprieties. His present position is said to be precisely as stated in the following sentence extracted from his annual message to congress:

"We have remained faithful to the precept of avoiding entangling alliances as to affairs not of our direct concern. Had circumstances suggested that the parties of the quarrel would have come any kind of expression of the hope of the American people that war might have been averted, general offices would have been gladly tendered."

It will be noted that the keynote of the President's statement may be found in the plural form he uses. The invitation to mediate must come from both parties; a single invitation is not a sufficient warrant for interference in his view.

## MACRUM'S FAIRY TALE.

Neither Government Has Had Reason to Believe That Consular Mail Has Been Tapped.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The President's message to-day conveying a report of the secretary of state in answer to the Macrum resolutions of the house, gave a categorical answer to the questions embodied in the resolution, and did not refer to the action of the department in relation to the matter. It has been since given at the state department that inquiries set on foot immediately after the publication of Macrum's first statement developed the fact that the British government had no knowledge of any interference with the correspondence of the United States consulate at Pretoria, and the additional fact that if such interference had taken place it was contrary to instructions.

## PORTO RICAN TARIFF.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The debate of the Porto Rican tariff bill brought out several notable speeches in the house to-day, including one by Gen. Grosvenor of Ohio, which answered a number of questions as to the attitude of the President; another by representative Mitchell of Massachusetts, the Republican member of the committee on ways and means, who dissented from the majority report, and representative Moody, another Massachusetts Republican who sharply criticised the position of his colleague. Mr. McClellan, New York, and Mr. Brantley, Georgia, also spoke against the bill; and Mr. Parker, New Jersey, in support of it.

## ALLOWED TO SPAIN.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Upon the representations of the Spanish government to the effect that some of the islands south of the Philippine archipelago which had been taken possession by United States gunboats were really the property of Spain, the authorities of the state department have examined the charts and concluded to direct the withdrawal of our claims to the islands of Cayagan, Sulu and Zulu, all of which lie about the boundary lines laid down by the treaty of Paris.



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